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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Last Wednesday morning our day was thrown off schedule by about four hours due to automobile problems. In spite of the delay, the day was going so well it was decided this was an example of taking lemons and making lemonade. It started about 6:30 a.m. just South of Dothan on the four lane. We stopped because the engine wasn't running good and the car wouldn't start. The problem turned out to be a bad alternator. We were at a local gas station and convenience store on the south-bound side of the road, owned and operated by Dan Clegg and he called his "mechanic" because he was a good man and a Christian. It was a while before mechanics came to work and we just talked with Clegg and some other nice gentlemen drinking their morning coffee. At 7:30 here comes the mechanic ... Roy Chappell, a native of Elba! He operates Alabama Radiator and Auto Electric on South Oates Street. He learned his trade from his father, the late S.R. Chappell who operated a garage in the building now occupied by Hammond Body Shop. The service manager is Billie Howell, another interesting and likable person. The "main man," who fixed the alternator, is Nathan ... a young man who really knows his job. While waiting for, and watching the rebuild, we also met an interesting customer, in for the same problem. He was Jesse B. Ward, a farmer who lives on Rt. 2, Hartford. Each of these people happened to know someone we knew, had done something and/or been somewhere we have been. It could have been a bad morning, but because there are still some great people in this world, that day will go down as a highlight of our life ... and the price was right!

One more comment about Alabama Radiator and Auto Electric. There is the usual selection of sayings on the door and wall and a couple were new to us. Here is one:

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IF you worked	\$60.00
on it first	

Needless to say, we worked to earn the lowest rate. Oh, another poster invited us to visit with the mechanic all we wanted, 'cause we were paying the labor bill.

Anyone tempted to knock the American education system needs to remember the following: may very well explain why someone might think the schools are not teaching everything they should. This is especially true for those of us who have been around for more than a few years. Anyways the experts report that there has been more information produced in the last 30 years than during the previous 5,000. How can anyone expect a system which did a good job of at least putting up the information out there 30, 40 and 50 years ago ... how can we expect the same system to put out that much more information in the same time frame?



BEHIND BARS AWAITING BAIL ... A few of Elba's prominent citizens will be locked up Saturday, April 19, until they can raise enough money to post their bail of \$100 each. The "inmates" will be jailed on the courthouse square, in conjunction with the annual Elba Band Day. The band boosters will begin "locking" people up at 9 a.m., and continue throughout the day of festivities. Money raised will enable the band members to purchase uniforms, instruments, music, and travel to out-of-town football games.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

APRIL 7 Thru APRIL 13, 1997

The Elba Police Department is investigating Monday, April 7, 1997, in the following incidents: one DUI, three criminal mischiefs; four thefts of property, one harassment, one missing person, five assault, one disorderly conduct, one three-hamming communiquants, one forgery, one unlawful possession of marijuana, one disorderly conduct, and one hit and run.

Arrests were as follows: one for criminal mischief, one for harassment, nine for criminal trespass, one for attempted assault, one for resisting arrest, one for disorderly conduct, and one for assault.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: one DUI and two for speeding.

Daily activity highlights were as follows: one DUI and two for speeding.

MONDAY, APRIL 13 - Disturbance reported at Powell's trailer Court on Caroline St. (2:44 a.m.); River stage - 4.36 feet (6:17 a.m.); Alarm at Elba High School (2:36 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Hawkins-Williams Park (4:17 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported on U.S. Hwy. 84W (6:18 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported on Al. Hwy. 87N (7:51 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported on Herman Driggers Dr. (10:42 p.m.)

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MONDAY, APRIL 13 - Disturbance reported at Powell's Trailer Court on Caroline St. (2:44 a.m.); River stage - 4.36 feet (6:17 a.m.); Alarm at Weeks' Tire (9:02 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on N. Clayton St. (10:27 a.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported on U.S. Hwy. 84E (9:13 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported on Plant Ave. (9:23 p.m.).

TUESDAY, APRIL 8 - River stage - 5.00 feet (6:31 a.m.); Wreck reported on AL Hwy. 189N (4:19 p.m.); Rescue run to a wreck on AL Hwy. 189N (4:29 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Cedar Lane Drive (5:00 p.m.); Wreck reported on U.S. Hwy. 84W (10:40 p.m.); Burglary reported on Putnam St. (11:15 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9 - Disturbance (loud music) reported on Gray St. (12:07 a.m.); River stage - 4.75 feet (6:42 a.m.); Routine activity.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10 - Fire department dispatched to a fire (grill) at Hardee's (5:39 a.m.); River stage - 4.57 feet (6:46 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to a grass fire on Coopers Hill (11:15 a.m.); Run to a residence on AL Hwy. 167N (12:51 p.m.); Alarm at Kleinet's (2:59 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Guyton St. (8:22 p.m.).

FRIDAY, APRIL 11 - Burglary reported at Daniel's BP Station (5:11 a.m.); River stage - 4.36 feet (6:31 a.m.); Routine activity.

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Social News

Miss Marsh to wed Mr. Cotney July 5th



Miss Lori Marsh

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marsh of Elba announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori Ann, to Larry Parrish Cotney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cotney of Lakeland, Fla.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Wilkerson of the Victoria Community and Mrs. Gwendolyn Marsh and the late Mr. Robert L. Marsh of Elba.

She is a 1992 graduate of Elba High School and a 1996 graduate of Troy State University. She is employed at Central High School in Cosey County, where she teaches Spanish.

The future groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. R.P. Pepper of Lakeland, Fla., and Mrs. Josephine Cotney and the late Mr. and Mrs. L. Cotney of Melbourne, Fla.

He is a 1993 graduate of Elba High School and a 1995 graduate of Enterprise State Junior College. He is currently attending the University of Montevallo, where he will graduate in December with a degree in Secondary Education.

The wedding will be an event of July 5 at 2 p.m. in the afternoon at the Elba United Methodist Church.

No local invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Powell family reunion planned for April 26th

All descendants of Charlie Willard Powell are invited to attend a family reunion April 26, at the Farm Center in New Brockton.

The get-together will begin at 10 a.m. and last until?

Chris Jordan and Marsha Walden were married on Feb. 21, 1997.

Chris is the son of Danny and Sandra Jordan. Marsha is the daughter of Alfred and Rita Davis.

Mrs. Annie Belle Burch celebrates 90th birthday

Mrs. Annie Belle Burch celebrated her 90th birthday during the weekend of April 19-20.

The family festivities got underway Thursday evening with the arrival of two of her out-of-town children, and on Friday evening a fish supper was enjoyed by the visiting children and the local members.

The "big fun" took place on Saturday, April 5, as more out-of-town family and friends arrived bearing gifts, flowers, cards, and well-wishes.

The back yard was decorated with "happy birthday" banners, balloons and crepe paper.

A picnic style lunch of ham, fried chicken and all the trimmings was served, along with numerous desserts and the official "90th" cake.

Prior to the lunch hour, Mrs. Burch received in the mail a birthday card bearing the official presidential seal of the United States. Clinton. The surprise card was placed in a frame and prominently displayed for everyone to see.

An amusing activity of the celebration took place when the 17 grandchildren and great-grandchildren were asked to hold up their hands and asked family trivia questions, such as the birth order of the eight siblings, names of the greatest and youngest grandchild, the number and names of the grandparents' brothers and sisters, favorite vines, sayings, etc.

On Sunday, a southern style meal was enjoyed with more out-of-town family and friends arriving for the night, while some of the earlier arrivals had to leave.

For the day, there will include an arts and crafts show, quilt exhibition, great entertainment, beautiful baby contest, tennis, softball and volleyball tournaments and great food.

Also, there will be the "Williams Station" train ride, a petting zoo, and pony rides for the children.

Festival hours are 9 - 5 pm. Admission is free.

For more information call the Atmore Chamber of Commerce at 334/388-3305.

Mayfest 97" set for May 3rd in Atmore

"Mayfest 97," a celebration of spring at Tom Byrne Memorial Park in Atmore, will be held Saturday, May 3.

Events for the day will include an arts and crafts show, quilt exhibition, great entertainment, beautiful baby contest, tennis, softball and volleyball tournaments and great food.

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MONDAY

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Mrs. Phyllis Hudson is guest speaker at Magnolia Home & Garden Club meeting

The Magnolia Home and Garden Club held its April meeting in the Elba Public Library on Thursday, April 10. Hostesses were Mrs. Gayle Brownson and Mrs. June Thompson.

Members and guests were treated to delicious home-baked coffee cake and accompaniments.

Mrs. Phyllis Hudson was guest speaker for the day. She represents the Tommee Hospice Program and gave an interesting and informative discussion of the work of that organization.

A short business session followed, led by Genie Kennett, president. At this time members were apprised of plans for plantings around the "Welcome" sign on Hwy. 84 East, and restated their support of the project.

The last meeting of the year will be held May 1 at place to be announced.

The meeting was adjourned.

The Twentieth Century Study Club held its April meeting at the Elba Public Library. Serving as hostesses for the meeting were Martha Stephens and Ethelene Tucker.

A delicious fruit dessert was served to the members and guests.

Donald and Jean Kelly presented an interesting program on ceramics. There was a display of their art around the room.

President Grace Taylor called the meeting to order and led members in the reading of the club's Collect. A business meeting followed. A new member, Carolyn Kelly, was welcomed.

Those attending were Betty Brinson, Carolyn Brinson, Doris Cooper, Ann Davis, Treva Driscoll, Judy Eastburn, Nel Harrison, Anna Miles, Martha Stephens, Peggy Strode, Grace Taylor, Elaine Thompson, Ethelene Tucker, Betty Vaughan, Patsy Williams and Carolyn Kelly.

Dr. and Mrs. Gerald New of Decatur announced the engagement of their daughter, Johanna Crook New of Birmingham, to Ryan Stuart Simpson, also of Birmingham, son of Greenville, S.C., and the late Hugh Simpson.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Madison Crook of Elba, and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Roosevelt New of Wedowee.

Miss New is a 1991 graduate of The Webb School of Birmingham. She attended Birmingham Southern College and is a 1996 graduate of the University of Alabama at Birmingham with a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

She is a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and is employed by University Hospital in Birmingham as a registered nurse.



New - Simpson wedding planned for June 7th

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Clara Vail Simpson of Selma, the late James Homer Simpson, Wilhelmina Scott of Greenville, S.C., and the late Hugh Simpson.

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Lee-Smith wedding planned for April 26th

Regina M. Lee, daughter of Mary F. Lee and the late Jack Lee of Elba, and Donald M. Smith, son of Mimic R. Smith and the late M.O. (Stump) Smith of Banks, announce their wed-ding plan for April 26, 1997, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

The wedding will take place at the home of Mike and Suzanne Clemmons on Pike County Rd. 6, Brundidge.

All family and friends are invited to attend.

Mr. Smith & Miss Lee

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Marsha Mauldin serves tea to Andrea Carnley and Bonnie Vaughan.

Girl Scouts entertain mothers with English Tea recently

Members of Senior Girl Scout Troop 300 entertained at a Mother-Daughter English Tea on Sunday afternoon, April 13. Some 90 guests attended the party, which was held at Anna B's in Elba.

Arriving guests were welcomed on the porch by Emily Benbow who directed them to the registry table presided over by Heather Dubose and Julie Roberson.

The registry table, draped in pink checkered gingham, held a small silver tray which was placed a Victorian silver teapot and saucer.

Each class is \$10 and registration is recommended. The flower designing classes will be held approximately 45 minutes of lecture and demonstration with opportunity to design a project using the information learned.

The course includes beginning flower arranging, "Hotlanta," Oriental flower arranging, dinner table designs, dried wreaths, live topiaries, landscaping and large arrangements.

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Other attractions include many artists and craftsmen displaying a wide variety of works, including

Elba student on Dean's List at Auburn University

Robyn M. Rhoades, of Elba, in the School of Agriculture, has been named to the Auburn University's Dean's List at Auburn University.

At Auburn University, Rhoades is a junior majoring in animal science. Last semester she earned a 3.9 grade point average.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Rhoades of Elba.

She is the second Auburn University student to be named to the Dean's List this semester.

Henry Terry, choral director at George Washington Carver High School in Montgomery, earned \$10,000 for his school by doing among the 10 selected from 700 nominees nationwide.

Mr. Terry went to Carver seven years ago to teach music theory and keyboarding at the Creative and Performing Arts Center, which moved this year to Booker T. Washington High School.

The magnet program attracts talent from all over the district and money from special federal and local grants.

The tea table was covered with a sheer linen cloth and centered with an English arrangement of pink tulips, purple iris, yellow Fugi mums and white daisies placed in a footed silver bowl which was flanked by two branch silver candelabra holding white candles.

Elizabeth Strong, Vaughn Boyd, Brandie Farris and Emily Bryan served tea from silver services placed near the entrance door.

The tea was "Tea for Two" prepared to be the Queen's favorite brand, and was served in the English manner with thin slices of lemon and natural brown sugar from Barbados.

Sheila Free and Bonnie Vaughan invited visitors into the dining room where they were served tea and cake.

The choir had directed them to the dining table.

Covered in sheer, white embroidered linens, the table held a massive arrangement of tulips, iris and daffodils similar to that on the tea table, but enhanced with hydrangea, palm, English ivy, sweet pea, shrimp plants, pansies and Gerbera daisies, all in a silver Wimborne bowl.

Marsha Mauldin served small, hot biscuits (similar to English scones) from an antique silver English bun warmer. These were served with raspberry jam.

Andrea Carnley and Shanna Tillis presided over the table which held trays of cucumber sandwiches, small

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TOTAL INDIVIDUALS ASSISTED 3,387 5,359

FOOD PANTRY 1,588 2,035

UTILITIES 571 674

CLOTHING VOUCHERS 543 515

FURNITURE VOUCHERS 200 381

MEDICAL/PREScriptions 121 296

TRANSPORTATION 159 272

MISCELLANEOUS VOUCHERS 141 198

RENT/MORTGAGE 89 129

ON-SITE SHELTER (INDIVIDUALS) 411 453

*NIGHTS (BASED ON NO. OF CLIENTS) 5,401 5,697

OFF-SITE SHELTER (MOTEL) 60 61

*ON-SITE MEALS SERVED 2,998 5,597

WALK-IN MEALS SERVED N/A 406

*HOT MEALS FOR HOMEBOUND 10,768 12,031

(* These Totals are not included in the Total Number of Individuals Assisted.)</

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Tiger Tales

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SPRING BREAK**Memorable Moments...**

by: Melissa Benbow
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Elba Elementary School Menus

April 21 - 25, 1997

Breakfast		Lunch	
Monday - Cinnamon Toast or Cereal, Juice, Milk		Monday - Sloppy Joe on Bun, Whole Kernel Corn, Half Apple, Milk	
Tuesday - Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Juice, Milk		Tuesday - Fish, Slaw, Field Peas, Cornbread, Applesauce, Milk	
Wednesday - Sausage & Gravy, Potatoes w/Milk		Wednesday - Corn Dog, Macaroni & Cheese, Tummys w/fruit, Half Orange, Milk	
Thursday - Pancakes w/ Syrup or Cereal, Juice, Milk		Thursday - Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Mixed Fruit, Milk	
Friday - Cheese Grits or Cereal, Toaster, Juice, Milk		Friday - Bologna Sandwich, French Fries, Mixed Vegetables, Cake, Milk	

Bank Donates Computers

From left: Michael Reed and Derrick Daniels, seniors at Elba High School, and Bob Brueckner are shown receiving donated computers from Bill Cole and Betty Lawford of Colonial Bank of Enterprise.

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Establishing your home as a spiritual refuge

Proverbs tells us that "he who fears the Lord has a secure fortress, and for his children it will be a refuge." The fortress is the rock of one's life in the faithfulness of God. When everything in this world crumbles and collapses, the rock of God's goodness is the only source of peace.

One of the most important things we can draw from Scripture is that God Himself is "home." He alone is a refuge and the place of repose for the human soul. When life is normal, this truth can be hard to remember. Often it takes tragedy, trial, and distress to shake us loose from earthly security and compel us to take refuge in the Lord.

Most of us are familiar with the promises of Psalm 91, beginning with Verse 1: "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shade of the Almighty." The psalmist enumerates the ways and means of God's protection: safety from the snare, from pestilence, night terrors, and enemy arrows.

The strongest statement takes the form of a conditional promise: "If you make the Most High your dwelling - even the Lord, who is my refuge - then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways."

Tent revival to begin today in Elba

The Church of Jesus Christ of Samson, Ala., will have a tent revival beginning today, Thursday, April 17, in Elba.

The tent will be located three blocks north of the Whiteside Chapel on the left, beginning at 7:30 each evening.

Rev. Sasser invites everyone to attend, where "there will be hope, faith, healing, prophecy and love," during the meetings.

Work day set for Danley Cross Roads Cemetery

A "Family" work day will be held at Danley Crossroads Cemetery on Saturday, April 26.

As in previous years, the purpose for the cemetery this work day is for the specific and sole purpose of cleaning family burial plots, which will include clearing around coping, applying weed killer, and cleaning around headstones and slabs as needed. This is not the general cleaning of the cemetery grounds, but areas, fence, etc., which are to be done by the perpetual care program.

Interested persons are advised that the general cemetery cleaning will be done after "Family Day" on May 26 and before Mother's Day on May 27.

The help of those persons with connections to the cemetery is requested.

Mt Gilead to have barbecue Saturday

Mt. Gilead Baptist Church of R.E. 3, Elba, will have a barbecue on Saturday, April 19, with the proceeds going to the Gideons.

Serving will begin at 5 p.m.

Harris Temple to have grocery distribution

The Harris Temple C.O.G.I.C. Grocery Ministry will be distributing free bags of groceries to needy persons on Friday, April 18, from 3 until 5 p.m. at the Elba Youth Training Center located at the Old Mulberry High School.

Theme - "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses."

At 10:30 a.m. - Sunday School - Supt. in charge, lesson taught by the pastor; 11:30 a.m. - regular order of service; devotional by Jordan Grove and Macedonia sermon - pastor of appropriate; offering, remarks, recess for lunch.

At 2:30 - devotional by Rocky Head and Zion Chapel. The choir will render music. Welcome by Sister Joan LaFreda Griffin; "Rev. Lane as a Special Guest" - "Rev. Schenck as a Special Guest"; "Vester Buttman, and "Rev. Lane as a pastor" by Deacon Fred Smith; "Rev. W. H. Willis, pastor of Rocky Head, Baptist Church, Elba, and Shiloh Baptist Church, Community, Brundidge; offering, remarks, benediction.

Card of Thanks

The family of WILLIE M. HORNSBY would like to thank all our friends and neighbors for all the flowers, food, phone calls, prayers, and their many acts of kindness shown to us during the sickness and death of our father and grandfather.

Your thoughts and prayers will always be with us.

JANARIA H. THOMAS & FAMILY
WILDA H. LITTLE & FAMILY
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Card of Thanks

The family of COMPTON EDWIN COOPER acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expressions of sympathy.

4-17-1p

***Family and Friends Day . . . Family and Friends Day was cele-

4-H & FFA Steer Show

The Alabama State Steer Show has once again come and gone, but not without Coffey County and Elba making its presence known. Around the state our county has been ranked in the top ten, especially the last few years.

Renee Nicholson is the daughter of Patricia and Jimmie Nicholson. She is a member of the Elba Girl Scout Troop #300. She attends the Elba United Methodist Church. Her goal for this year is to pass AP English so she can graduate with all of her friends. Her plans after High School are to attend Auburn University in the fall and major in pharmacy. Her favorite past time is going to the beach during Spring Break.

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Views from

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

While Melissa's feet have finally quit growing, Melanie's are growing almost daily and lately it seems like if her shoes aren't too tight to wear they are too. I am a fan of the area schools and the Pressbox got her some new white tennis shoes to wear to school, and of course she wore them to school one time before she had a chance to wear them to the park and get them too muddy for even Clorox to handle. I have never dyed shoes. However, a good shade of mud red would make'em last a lifetime!

ELBA TIGERS KEEP PLAYOFF HOPES ALIVE

The Elba Tigers had their backs to the wall last week for their area conference against Headland. The cameras were on the Tigers as they faced the Rams 14-4 to keep their playoff hopes alive as well. The same loss to Rehoboth made the game a "must win" for Elba, and even though Headland was probably the favorite to win the game, the Tigers rose to the occasion and claimed one of their most impressive wins of the season. If the Tigers can remain focused on the job at hand and play their best every time they hit the field, they could very well still make the playoffs and set their sights on what has been an elusive state title. It won't be easy, but it can be done, and this team can do it!

LADY TIGERS PICK UP FOUR WINS DURING WEEK

The Elba Lady Tiger softball team had a busy week of action last week with four regular season games and four games in the "Sweet Swingers" softball tournament. To play eight games in a week is good for any team because it's a lot of work. This week was a little harder than expected for the Lady Tigers as they went 4-4 for the week to move their season record to 7-10. The Lady Tigers claimed big wins over Opp and New Brockton during the week's action, and should now know that they can defeat anyone on their schedule if they play well and give maximum effort for every single play. If the girls will work hard and set their goals high, they could pull off a surprise or two by the time the Sectional Tournament rolls around on May 3. C'mon girls, it is up to you!

SWEET SWINGERS TOURNAMENT WET, BUT FUN FOR ALL

The third annual Sweet Swingers high school girl's softball tournament was held Saturday morning and early Saturday. It turned out to be the highlight of the day for many of the event. The teams sloshed through the mud and rain on Friday night, slid a little early on Saturday; however, once the sun came out the fields began to dry and by the end of the day all the wet weather was all but forgotten. The tournament provides a financial boon for the fast-food restaurants and convenience stores in town, and this year when I was cleaning up I even saw a lot of bags from stores in town where the visitors shopped for things like dry clothes. I think the tournament is one of the best anywhere in the state, and if the weatherman will ever cooperate, it could grow even more. It was a long and wet day, but it was still fun.

IN CLOSING...

***I watched a little of the Masters golf tournament Sunday and will admit I'm not a Woods fan, but I enjoyed watching him. Woods can hit the ball farther than anyone on the tour, and has a deadly short-game and follow-through that others would love to have. If he doesn't become the best ever to play the game, there will be only him to blame.

***The Dixie Youth and Dixie Minor Baseball Leagues will hold practice this weekend at Legion Field. The six teams set to take place over a 12-hour span, begin at 8:00 AM. All the teams will play one game, and while the pitching rules will be changed slightly, the games will still be played to win, and they should be fun. If it's not raining, c'mon out!

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Elba Tigers keep playoff hopes alive with 14-4 area win

The Elba Tigers hit the field twice last week and claimed one win and one loss to see their record for the season move to 6-11.

"We made far too many errors to win in Luverne," said Coach David Stinson. "But we played pretty well in the way over Headland and kept our playoff hopes alive. We were a little short-handed last week due to injuries to two starters; however,

Lady Tigers split double-headers

The Elba Lady Tigers continued their softball season last week and split double-headers with Highland Home and Opp to see their record for the season move to 5-7.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

ELBA 14
H. HOME 4

The Elba Lady Tigers led all the way against of Highland Home 14-4, last Tuesday afternoon at Highland Home.

Elba pulled out a 9-4 lead in the fifth inning and rolled to the win.

Bonnie Vaughan got 4 hits and scored 3 runs to lead Elba, while Vaughan Boyd, Melinda Grantham and Melissa Mularz all added 2 hits.

H. HOME 4
ELBA 2

The Elba Lady Tigers saw their bats go silent as they dropped the nightcap 4-2 to Highland Home.

Elba scored two runs in the seventh trying to cut the deficit in half, but it was too little, too late, as it took the loss.

Deidra Jones and Chastity Williams both got 2 hits for Elba.

ELBA 9
OPP 8

The Elba Lady Tigers blew a four run lead in the top of the seventh inning, but pushed across the frame to take the bottom of the frame to lead Elba 9-8, last Wednesday afternoon at Elba.

The Lady Tigers owned an 8-4 lead after six innings, but then had to rally in the seventh to claim the win.

Chastity Frederick and Melissa Mularz both got 3 hits for Elba, while Deidra Jones and Teleisha Daniels added 2 each.

OPP 9
ELBA 7

The Elba Lady Tigers scored three runs in the seventh inning to pull even, only to see Opp score 2 runs in the eighth to claim a 9-7 win.

Elba rallied from a 7-4 deficit in the first inning to tie the game, but fell in the first extra inning.

Bonnie Boyd got 3 hits to lead Elba, while Bonnie Vaughan, Deidra Jones, Melissa Mularz, Michelle Lewis, Leigh Kelley and Teleisha Daniels all added 2 hits.

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Georgiaian at New Brockton (3:30)

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Branley at Zion Chapel (3:30)

MONDAY, APRIL 21
Elba at Arion (4:00)
Samson at Kinston (2:40)
Zion Chapel at Houston Ac. (4:30)

TUESDAY, APRIL 22
Daleville at Elba (6:00)
Red Level at New Brockton (4:00)

FRIDAY, APRIL 23
Branley at Zion Chapel (3:30)

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MONDAY, APRIL 21
Elba at Arion (4:00)
Samson at Kinston (2:40)
Zion Chapel at Long (2) 3:30

FRIDAY, APRIL 18
Highland Home at New Brockton (2) 4:00

MONDAY, APRIL 21
Samson at Pl. Home (2) 4:00

NEW BROCKTON LADY GAMECOCKS

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AFTER MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS REST PEA RIVER ONCE AGAIN TURNING TURBINES

Elba Power Dam back on line generating electricity

By Marvin McLewin, Editor

After more than 30 years, the Elba Dam is back on line and generating electricity.

The men's dream is finally being realized and the flowing water of Pea River is once again turning a turbine producing electricity.

Ben Ammons and Jesse Blenn have worked long and hard rebuilding what may have seemed could never be repaired. In fact, several others tried but none were successful.

However, there was one individual, who this writer remembers well, who told everyone who would listen, and even some who would not, that the Elba Dam could be made to work again. This individual was Robert "Bob" Folson.

It is a shame that Bob is not alive today to hear the hum originating from the Elba Dam. He would certainly be saying, "I told you so!"

On Wednesday afternoon, April 9, at approximately 2:00 p.m., Ammons threw the switch that put the power generator on line with AEC (Alabama Electric Cooperative).

The smallest of three generators is now in operation and is producing between 210 to 250 kilowatts per hour. Putting this in perspective, it takes approximately 1 kw per hour to power an average size home with electricity.

Ammons and Blenn certainly agree that the restoration of the dam has been, and continues to be, a learning experience.

There have been a few "minor bugs" to work out on the turbine, generator and power control panel; however, the generator is working well.

The two men will now begin to focus their attention on getting the two larger generators into working condition. Each of the larger units will produce about twice the electrical power as the small one.

Although Ben would not give a specific time frame for getting the large generators on-line, he hopes to have at least one working in less than a year.

There are a lot of unknowns in this type work," he said.

Ammons purchased the dam from

the City of Elba in 1992 for \$125,000 and began the long, hard process of putting it back into working condition.

"You don't just go out and purchase parts and generators and turbines and place them in operation in early 1920," said Ammons.

"Just finding a place to start was quite a chore," he said.

According to Blenn, parts and pieces that can't be found in salvage yards are being imported.

The old power house had deteriorated, parts and pieces of the old generators had rusted or were missing all together, and the canal feeding the dam had filled in and had trees growing in it.

Also, a lot of work has been done, and more needs to be done now.

Work on the dam was progressing well in 1994 until July when high water once again struck and slowed the work-in-progress.

Everything that has been done, and will be done, to the dam has to meet regulations set forth by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

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Prior to being placed into operation, the dam had to pass final inspection by the FERC. Also, technicians from AEC had to inspect the equipment prior to placing the dam on-line.

PICTURE ABOVE: The powerhouse at the Elba Dam as it looks today.

The canal is clear and once again channelling the waters of the Pea River through the turbines generating electricity.

shape that it is now; however, there are more long hours of hard work ahead as they work on the restoration of the two larger generators. (MORE PICTURES CAN BE SEEN ON PAGE 13)



Criminal court docket set for April 29 in Elba

By Marvin McLewin, Editor

the first degree and assault in the first degree.

State of Alabama
Vs
Michelle Daugherty

The defendant is charge with theft in the second degree.

State of Alabama
Vs
Adam Davis

Davis is charged with murder.

State of Alabama
Vs
Randy Burks

He faces the charge of burglary in the third degree.

State of Alabama
Vs
Spencer Owen Ziglar

Ziglar is charged with manslaughter.

State of Alabama
Vs
Rudolph Kyles

The defendant is charged with assault in the second degree.

State of Alabama
Vs
Dennis Harper

He is charged with rape in the first degree.

State of Alabama
Vs
Anthony Charles Rivers

He is charged with burglary in the first degree.

State of Alabama
Vs
Bobby Ray Tyson

The defendant is charged with possession of burglar's tools and unlawful possession of marijuana in

the second degree.

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Elba W & E Board meeting routine

By Farin Cox, Publisher

Utility Superintendent James

Grimes reported on a low water pressure complaint on old 84 West. He said the water crews had found no problems at 40 pounds, even though there are faucets inside the homes and that was considered adequate. He noted that $\frac{1}{2}$ inch pipes going into the homes could cause some of the low water problem.

Grimes asked for, and received, approval to add a new meter and that recently retired and transferred a dump body from a truck which had "died." He said the work could be done in-house for about \$500.

Board members heard several requests for spending funds ... either for the departments or to help non-profit organizations. Part way

through approving these request, the board unanimously approved setting up a sub-budget committee to look into all the various committees.

\$2,000 was given to the Elba Hydro Power Fund, a request for a radio spot to support a child abuse program received conditional approval ... if it had been done last year; approval was given to pay half of the cost of a \$2,000 computer terminal for the bookkeeper's office.

There will be a donation to the Elba W & E Board, and both departments will get use of the \$250 dues for the Chamber of Commerce were approved; adding lighting to Evergreen Cemetery was approved, but in stages to be sure the lights would not blind drivers.

White faces a minimum of 20 years imprisonment to a maximum life since the offense involved a fire.

The case stemmed from a shooting incident that occurred at Bailes Memorial Stadium during a junior high school football game on September 11.

District Attorney Mark E. Fuller feels that this conviction is a message from citizens that this type violent behavior will not be tolerated at our schools or school activities.

He is scheduled to be sentenced by Circuit Judge Thomas E. Head III on Thursday (TODAY), April 24, at 9:00 a.m. in Enterprise.

White faces a minimum of 20 years imprisonment to a maximum life since the offense involved a fire.

No date has been set at this time for the case to be retried.

Jury finds Enterprise man guilty of attempted murder

By Farin Cox, Publisher

An Enterprise man has been found guilty of attempted murder.

Clarence White of Enterprise was convicted of attempted murder by an enterprise jury late Wednesday afternoon, April 16.

He is scheduled to be sentenced by Circuit Judge Thomas E. Head III on Thursday (TODAY), April 24, at 9:00 a.m. in Enterprise.

White faces a minimum of 20 years imprisonment to a maximum life since the offense involved a fire.

In an unrelated case, the manager of a seafood restaurant involving the traffic deaths of Claude and Betty Lee and one count of second degree assault involving the traffic injury of Dovell Jones.

The accident took place in New

NEWS BRIEFS

There was a small riot at the Coffee County Jail last Saturday evening. According to officials, the incident started when a cigarette was taken from an inmate (no smoking is allowed in the jail). To end the five-hour standoff, tear gas was used to force the twenty-three prisoners involved out of the block.

Enterprise Police Officers and Alabama State Troopers were called in to assist the sheriff's department in controlling the situation.

Adam C. Davis, age 19, of Elba will be tried for murder on Friday, April 25, at 9:00 a.m. He was charged following a June 30, 1996, auto crash that resulted in the death of Amber Spinks, age 18, of Kinnton. Davis was the driver of the vehicle and ran into a car and hit an embankment at the intersection of Coffee County roads 460 and 492. Spinks was a passenger in the car.

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